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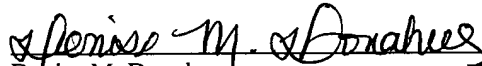
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert B. Chaffee
Serial No: 09/862,858
Confirmation No. 8373
Filed: May 22, 2001
For: A FASTENER FOR USE WITH A FASTENING ELEMENT AND AN
INFLATABLE DEVICE FOR USE WITH THE FASTENER

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Changes to the claims are shown by strike through (for deleted matter) and underlining (for added matter).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.